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Harrington Named By Weld To Head Capitol Police

Boston Police Sergeant Daniel J. Harrington, 58, a Charlestown native, has been selected by Gov. William F. Weld to head the Capitol Police. Harrington will be sworn in today, Thursday, Jan. 10 and will assume his duties on Jan. 11.

Harrington, the son of the late Christine and Jeremiah Harrington, grew up in the Hayes Square area of

Charlestown. He was a 1951 graduate of Charlestown High School.

Now in his 34th year with the Boston Police Department, Harrington began as a patrolman and was later promoted to detective and sergeant. He has been assigned to Area A, which includes the Charlestown district, since 1980. He has taken a leave of absence from the Boston Police De-

partment to assume the leadership of the Capitol Police.

Harrington has been honored with the city and state's highest public safety awards for heroism. He holds the Boston Police Medal of Honor, the Walter Scott Medal of Honor and the Trooper George L. Hanna Medal of Valor. He has also received the De-

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New Command At BFD Holds Strong Charlestown Roots

by Kathy Giordano

Martin E. Pierce Jr. was sworn in as both Commissioner and Chief of the Boston Fire Department at a Jan. 5 ceremony at the new Purchase Street fire station. Over 200 well wishers, including many Charlestown residents, were on hand for the festivities.

Pierce, formerly of Charlestown, is a 21-year veteran of the department. He comes from a family well-known for its dedication and tradition to public service. His father, Martin J. Pierce Sr. served the department for 37 years. His brother John is a detective with the Boston Police Department, assigned to the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. His uncle John Geswell, a Boston firefighter, lost his life in the line of duty.

In his address after the swearing-in ceremony, Pierce stated: "I accept this

position with enormous pride for it is such an honor to lead the best firefighters in the nation and to serve the people of this great city." He continued: "I intend to stay abreast of any and all

scientific and technological improvements that will both better protect our firefighters and enhance their performance on the fireground in enabling them to perform

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MARTIN E. PIERCE JR. is congratulated by Mayor Raymond Flynn and Assistant City Clerk Patrick McDonough after being sworn in Boston Fire Commissioner and Chief.



CHARLESTOWN'S PRIDE was shining at the swearing-in ceremony for BFD Commissioner Martin E. Pierce. Shown (l. to r.) Msgr. James Keating, BFD Chaplain who formerly resided at St. Francis de Sales Rectory; Barbara (Donahue) Hart, wife of the new Chief of Operations; Chief of Opera-

tions Gerald Hart, formerly of Belmont Street; Ellen Pierce, wife of the new Fire Commissioner; Commissioner Pierce, formerly of Charlestown; and Rev. Daniel Mahoney, BFD Chaplain, Pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish.

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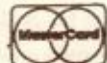
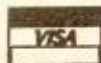
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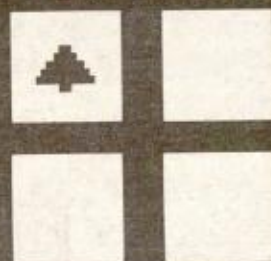
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Deadline for advertising and copy is Monday at 5:00 p.m.

Children's Films

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., on Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The features will be "Cats," in which a family learns about the development of their kittens; George the monkey meets the man in the yellow hat in "Curious George;" and a family learns how to care

for their new puppy in "Dogs."

Willie makes his debut at the Metropolitan Opera in "Willie The Operatic Whale," shown only at 3:30 p.m.

The suggested readings in conjunction with these films are *Curious George* by H.A. Rey, *A Dog's Body* by Joanna Cole and *What is Your Cat Saying?* by Michael Fox.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This Week At A Glance

Thursday, Jan. 10

- 6 to 8 p.m. — Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy Office Hours, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- 7 p.m. — Charlestown Neighborhood Council meeting, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Friday, Jan. 11

- 10 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group meeting and Pre-school Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 8 p.m. — CYHA Winter Dance, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Sunday, Jan. 13

- Following 9 a.m. Mass — Holy Name Society meeting, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Monday, Jan. 14

- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Vision Screening for Senior Citizens, Golden Age Center, 382 Main St.
- 3:30 p.m. — Creative Dramatics for children 6 to 12, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 7 p.m. — Charlestown-To-Charlestown Committee meeting with candidates for Mayor of Charlestown, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

- 6 to 7 p.m. — Rep. Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. — Pre-Alateen and Alateen Meetings, St. Catherine's Hall, below the rectory, 49 Vine St.
- 7 p.m. — Charlestown Lions Club meeting, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Neighborhood Council Meeting

MONTHLY MEETING

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold its monthly meeting tonight, Thursday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St.

The meeting is open to the public, and all are welcome to attend.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, Jan. 17

- 12:15 p.m. — Charlestown Kiwanis Club Meeting, Barrett's on Boston Harbour Restaurant
- 4 p.m. — "Let's Celebrate Black History Month" program for children 6 to 10, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Friday, Jan. 18

- 10 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group meeting and Pre-school Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Saturday, Jan. 19

- noon — K. of C. Youth Free Throw Championship, Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, High Street building
- 4 p.m. Mass — Hungry Sunday Collection, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Sunday, Jan. 20

- 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Masses — Hungry Sunday Collection, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Monday, Jan. 21

- 7:30 p.m. — Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion Meeting, First Floor, One Thompson Square

Tuesday, Jan. 22

- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Wednesday, Jan. 23

- 6 to 7 p.m. — Rep. Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. — Pre-Alateen and Alateen Meetings, St. Catherine's Hall, below the rectory, 49 Vine St.

Plan Ahead

Wednesday, Jan. 30

- 7 p.m. — Planning meeting for the Charlestown High School Class of 1971 20th Reunion, Papa Gino's back room, Bunker Hill Mall

Saturday, Feb. 2

- 7 p.m. — Third annual Boys Club Reunion, Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, High Street Building

Friday, Feb. 8

- 8 p.m. — First Grade Parents Valentine's Dance with Alan and Tony of the DJ Connection, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Saturday, Feb. 9

- 8 p.m. — Comedy Night with dancing to a DJ to follow, sponsored by the Building Association, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, Feb. 16

- 7:30 p.m. — Herb Reed and the Platters, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St. — **cancelled**

Saturday, March 2

- 7 p.m. — Gladys' annual Corned Beef Dinner, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Class of '71 Reunion

Charlestown High School Class of 1971 will hold a planning meeting for its 20th reunion. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on

Wednesday, Jan. 30 at in the back room at Papa Gino's in the Bunker Hill Mall.

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Nominations Sought For First Annual Community Awards

by Kathy Giordano

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services will sponsor the first annual Community Appreciation Awards Banquet on Saturday, March 30 at the Knights of Columbus, 75 West School St. Over 350 people are expected to attend the event that sets aside an evening to recognize a business, organization and community residents whose actions have resulted in the enhancement of the quality of life in Charlestown.

The Awards Committee, comprised of council members and Charlestown residents, has voted to open the nomination process to the community. Seven award categories have been established to encompass every aspect of the community. Residents, non-residents, businesspersons and employees are urged to take the time to nominate a person, business or organization deserving of recognition.

AWARD CATEGORIES

- **Youth** — A Charlestown resident who is 18 years of age or younger as of Jan. 1, 1991 whose deeds have gone unheralded.
- **Elderly** — A Charlestown resident who is 55 years of age or older by Jan. 1, 1991 whose deeds have gone unheralded.
- **Organization** — An incorporated non-profit, Charlestown-based group that primarily serves Charlestown and whose goals are geared toward the betterment of the community.
- **Business** — A Charlestown-based business that supports and enhances the quality of life in the Charlestown community.
- **Public Servant** — A person who performs service within his/her job capacity, but goes beyond that job description in service to the betterment of the Charlestown community. (Example: an employee of the federal, state, county, city or an authority/government agency or community agency that may or may not be a resident of Charlestown.)
- **New Resident** — A person who has taken up residency in Charlestown within the last 10 years and whose deeds have contributed to the quality of Charlestown life.
- **Unsung Hero** — A Charlestown resident whose deed/deeds were performed within the community and have gone publicly unheralded. These deeds cannot be performed as part of his/her job performance. There is no age restriction for this recipient. The deed/deeds would result in the enhancement of the quality of life in Charlestown.

Note: There is no time restriction on the performance of the recipients' deed/deeds for this, the first annual award recognition.

All nominations should be sent to:

Community Appreciation Awards Committee
P.O. Box 1776
Charlestown, Mass. 02129

Deadline for the submission of nominations is Friday, Feb. 8 at 5 p.m. Inquiries can be referred to Judy Evers at 725-3485, Kathy Giordano at 241-9511, Mel Stillman at 241-7771, or Kay Whelan at 242-0817 during the daytime, or Peter Looney at 242-4032, Tom Cunha at 242-3922 or Bill Galvin at 242-3862 evenings.

All nominations must be signed and include a telephone number for confirmation purposes.

Current members of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council and Award Committee members are not eligible for award nominations. Committee members, who are not members of the council, include Stephen Collins, Judy Evers, Bill Galvin, Kathy Giordano, Petie Helsingier and Ron Taylor.

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Award Category _____

Nominee

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Length of Residency (if applicable) _____

Place of Business/Employment
(if applicable) _____

Reason for Nomination: _____

Use separate piece of paper if necessary

Name of Nominator: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Harrington Named By Weld To Head Capitol Police



SGT. DANIEL J. HARRINGTON (right) of the Boston Police Department will be sworn in today, Jan. 10, as head of the Capitol Police. Shown here with his son Michael, Harrington has been decorated by both the city and state for acts of heroism and valor. Among the awards are the Department of Massachusetts American Legion Law & Order Award and Medal of Valor.

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partment of Massachusetts American Legion Law & Order Award and Medal of Valor.

Married to the former Nancy Flynn of Rock Island, Ill., the Harringtons are the parents of two children, Sarah Ann, who is a

Trooper with the Massachusetts State Police, and Michael, who is an officer with the Los Angeles Police Department having previously served on the Yarmouth Police force.

Harrington stated that he is "looking forward to his new position with the Capitol Police" and welcomes the "new challenges" that will come with heading this police force.

Completes Basic Training

Pfc. John F. Fitzpatrick of 90A Tibbetts Town Way, Charlestown has completed 13 weeks of basic training in the United States Marine Corps at Parris Island, S.C. He is the son of Denise and Robert Blaikie of Charlestown.



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The future bride, a graduate of Pope John XXIII High School, is employed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the Department of Environmental Protection.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Boston University, is employed by the United States Government in the Internal Revenue Service.

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- **A Fond Adieu . . .** to Rev. Thomas Reilly, pastor of St. Catherine's parish who will be leaving on Jan. 29 to assume the pastorate at St. Monica's in South Boston. You will be missed, Father Tom. Our prayers and well wishes go with you!
- **Well Wishes . . .** are extended to three former "Townies" who'll assume new positions this week. The new Boston Fire Department Commish Marty Pierce and his second in command Deputy Chief Gerry Hart took their new positions last Saturday, Jan. 5 . . . Boston Police Sgt. Dan Harrington will assume the position of Chief of the Capitol Police today, Jan. 10 . . . These are three "Townies" who have done good! Congrats and best wishes.
- **Teachers Are Going Back To School . . .** to learn "Math for the 90's" so that their pupils will have a new understanding of numbers! Among these student/teachers is Diane Gould of Charlestown, a faculty member at the Elliot School, North End . . . The program will be aired on BNN-TV and viewers may tune in to cable channels 3 and 8 on Thursday afternoons at 3:45 p.m. beginning Jan. 10 (today).
- **Get Well . . .** wishes go out to Glenn Luce who's recuperating at Spaulding Rehab . . . and to Peggy Austin who's been feeling under the weather lately.
- **Look Who's Celebrating Birthdays . . .** Today, Jan. 10, the Whitehouse clan will gather to celebrate the birthday of their mother Gloria . . . The elderly of Charlestown will be singing the praises of Beverly Gibbons as they put their birthday wishes to her in song on Jan. 11 . . . Bobby Wallace will be seen (we're sure) spending his big day on Jan. 12 walking his dog around town, checking on the happenin's, as only he can . . . (Take Max with you, Bob) . . . Tom Cunha will be hosted to a gala celebration by wife Marsha, son Nicky and daughter Ali on Jan. 15 . . . and the Conway clan will be gathering on Mt. Vernon Street on Jan. 15 as matriarch Helen celebrates her 86th . . . We wish each of you a wonderful year!
- **Became A Teen-ager . . .** and we didn't even mention it! Tammi LeBlanc turned 13 on Jan. 4 . . . We hope it was a great day, Tammi!
- **And Speaking Of Birthdays Past . . .** Local barrister Bill Stievater turned the BIG 6-0 on Jan. 6. Congratulations and keep on running!
- **Thanks, Dave And Roberta . . .** In an austerity move, Newworld Bank has terminated the employment of Charlestown President Dave Carr and Branch Manager Roberta Byington. Your many Charlestown customers, business associates and friends were saddened by the news. You have been more than Newworld's community representatives. You have been involved with activities by and for the community such as Kiwanis, Boys & Girls Club, Camp Bunker Hill, Headstart building renovation, Life Focus Center, Kennedy Center, our senior citizens — just to name a few. You both will be missed and your many friends wish you well!
- **With Appreciation . . .** for a job well done to Ken Stone who'll resign his seat on the Neighborhood Council this month. Ken has served the neighborhood in that position for the past four years and will give notice by mail since at the time of the meeting he'll be vacationing in a much warmer climate!
- **Show Your Appreciation . . .** by thinking of that person who has gone above and beyond to be a good neighbor and never has been recognized for his/her deeds — before now, that it! The Community Appreciation Awards Night will take place in March and seven will be chosen for a tip o' the hat! Send that info to the committee at P.O. Box 1776, Charlestown, Mass. 02129. (See full details on page 3.)
- **25th Wedding Anniversary . . .** celebrants are Mike and Angela (Walsh) Callahan on Tuesday, Jan. 15 . . . These former "Townies" toasted the milestone with a cruise to the Bahamas. Our toast will not be as elaborate, but none the less sincere — Have another 25 with happiness, love and joy, Angela and Mike!
- **Charlestown's Most Eligible Bachelor . . .** gone on vacation . . . None other than the Neighborhood Council's Jim Mansfield will be spending the next 17 days in the Florida sun . . . Have a great time, Jim!
- **Skating . . .** at the Public Gardens Lagoon gets underway at noon on Jan. 12 and will include free ice skating lessons, refreshments, piped-in music, hockey clinics and costumed characters. Skate rental is \$3 per half day. The program is free and open to the public seven days a week, weather permitting. Hours are 4 to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekends, holidays and school vacations.
- **Update . . .** On companies d/b/a Boston, Mass. 02129 . . . Our list continues of businesses located in Charlestown but using a Boston address on all their official notices. This week's culprits include Keane, Inc., Ten City Square and — oh, no, say it ain't so — electrician Billy Hanley has Boston on his fleet of trucks instead of Charlestown! . . . Stay tuned, folks!

New Command At BFD Holds Strong Charlestown Roots

(continued from page one) more efficiently in this very hazardous profession."

Pierce introduced the new Chief of Operations for the department, Deputy Fire Chief Gerald P. Hart, formerly of Belmont

Street, Charlestown, has served the department for the past 37 years.

Hart, 62, assumed the position of second in command at BFD. His career began on Jan. 1, 1954 at Engine 50 on Winthrop

Street.

Hart attended St. Francis de Sales School and the High School of Commerce. He married the former Barbara Donahue of Quincy. The couple has seven children and two grandchildren.

Hart's father, Jeremiah, and brother John, a Boston firefighter for 33 years, live at the family's Belmont Street home. His mother Lucy worked for 50 years at St. Francis de Sales rectory until her death two years ago at the age of 82. Hart also has a brother Joseph of Brockton and a sister Lucille Noviello of Somerville.

Hart, like Pierce, rose through the ranks of the

Boston Fire Department. Their combined 58 years of

experience and service to the city has been applauded

by city officials and fellow firefighters.



COMMISSIONER Martin E. Pierce Jr. addresses the 200 well wishers in attendance at the Jan. 5 swearing-in ceremony. (photo by Kathy Giordano)



BOSTON CITY COUNCILLOR Albert "Dapper" O'Neil and Rev. Thomas Reilly, pastor of St. Catherine's Parish, exchange greetings at Commissioner Martin Pierce's swearing-in ceremony. (photo by Kathy Giordano)



BOSTON POLICE DETECTIVE John "Jackie" Pierce (at right) and his family congratulate the new BFD Commissioner Martin Pierce. Shown (l. to r.) Lisa and Michelle, nieces of new commissioner, Commissioner Pierce, his sister-in-law Mrs. John (Jacqueline) Pierce and his brother Jackie. (photo by Kathy Giordano)



ON HAND for the swearing-in ceremony were (l. to r.) Deputy Chief Gerald Hart; retiring Commissioner Leo Stapleton; Msgr. James Keating, Boston Fire Department Chaplain; Martin J. Pierce Sr.; Walter Sullivan, former Mayor of Cambridge; Newman Flanagan, Suffolk County District Attorney;

Assistant District Attorney Paul Lee (partially hidden); Rev. Daniel Hegarty, BFD Chaplain; Superintendent William Kelly, MDC Police; Rev. Daniel Mahoney, BFD Chaplain; and Boston Police Commissioner Francis Roche (partially hidden).

(photo by Kathy Giordano)



THE PIERCE FAMILY congratulate the new father Martin J. Pierce Sr., Commissioner Fire Commissioner Martin Pierce. Shown (l. to r.) are brother John "Jackie" Pierce, Pierce and mother Mary (Geswell) Pierce. (photo by Kathy Giordano)

Century 21 Elite Realty To Sponsor Career Session

Century 21 Elite Realty will participate in Career Opportunity Week, Jan. 14 to 21.

Throughout the week, individuals considering a career change are encouraged to contact Dan McGoff to learn more about real estate careers. There is no fee or obligation, and everyone is invited.

Career Sessions will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16 and Thursday, Jan. 17 at 31 Cambridge St. (Sullivan Square), Charlestown.

"There is always a need for real estate professionals," said McGoff. "Although we actively recruit new associates year round, Career Opportunity Week offers people the chance to find out how they can realize their professional, financial and personal goals in a flexible work environment. Experienced sales associates and brokers thinking about changing offices are urged to attend and see why Century 21 is the leader in the industry and to assess some important chan-

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"Last year, thousands of people participated in Career Opportunity Week," McGoff added. "Many of them are now enjoying successful careers as Century 21 sales associates."

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For more information about Career Opportunity Week, contact Dan McGoff at Century 21 Elite Realty at 241-5566.

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Mark Florentino, a junior at St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vt., was named to the dean's list with a 3.76 grade point average and a six-course workload.

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Charlestown State Prison —

(Story continued from Jan. 3 edition.)
by Ed Loan

The Riots Of The 50s

The first of two serious riots and the one described as the worst in the prison's history occurred in July of 1952. Once again conditions at the facility were the issue. A list of grievances were issued — bad and insufficient food, inadequate recreation and poor sanitation. It marked the beginning of something new.

Unlike the 1940s, the inmates were tired of peaceful protests and nothing being done. Led by two lifers, some 38 inmates went on a rampage throwing paint, smashing windows, destroying machinery and setting small fires. The prison chaplain, Father Hartigan, who lived at St. Catherine's, was called to speak with the inmates and try to win the release of two hostage guards. The prisoners demanded that their grievances be published in the next day's news and then they would quit — "but first all must know what goes on." After 16 tense hours, a tornado of destruction which left \$70,000 in damage in its wake, threats of beheading a guard and some 800 tear gas grenades, the riot ended. A noose was now firmly around the prison's neck, but it refused to snap.

First-Hand Memories Of Prison Life

At this point in the prison's history I was able to distance myself from old newspapers and records and go behind the walls of the state prison first hand to peer through the eyes of those who lived it.

First, former prison guard Fred Butterworth recalled a long criminal justice career that began at Charlestown in the years after World War II. Butterworth jokingly remembered his starting salary of \$42 a week. Al-

though nothing by today's standards, he assured me it was comparable to the salaries of most law-enforcement agencies of the time.

empty and clean them. A special bucket squad returned them to the cells. Inmates then marched to their respective shops where they worked until 11 a.m. in such areas as automotives, underwear, print, signs, machinery and license plates. Until 11:45 a.m. vocational work could be done.

Leaving the shop, lunch was picked up and inmates went back to their cells to eat and be counted. Afternoon work in the shop began at 1 p.m. and lasted until 4 p.m. After work, yard recreation was granted until 4:45 p.m. when the night bell rang. It was off to the kitchen and then to the cell for the night with lights out at 9 p.m.

"It was primitive . . . inhuman"

Recanting his former daily routine caused Green to look off. After refocusing, he bitterly retorted: "It was primitive" — pausing — "inhuman." He started now to remember the past a bit more easily. Some old photographs put him back deeper into the past and his amazing memory began to spit out names and dates — it was more than enough to get him going. What was most evident was his hell-raising sense of humor and from it one can imagine the great frustration prison officials of his day must have experienced in dealing with him — like a teacher with a defiant school boy.

As his words took us for a visit through the gates of the old prison, his eyes squinted and one could sense from his worn frame that he had seen some hard times — nonetheless, he is still vigorous for a man in his mid-70s. The former inmate told of spending 17 hours a day in lock up, just like the prisoners of 1805. The cell, he noted, was not

much bigger than a large closet. You had a bed, a small table and chair, your bucket, and a pitcher and bowl. Ted remembered summers in the windowless granite cells — "the walls would sweat as would all the men — the heat was intense." Referring to the prison system today with its furloughs, work release or great recreation — he said they were unheard of dreams. "We tried to get out of our cells, never mind the prison."

Recalling his daily routine once again, Green described with his hands the aluminum pan used to take meals. "It didn't have divisions, there was just one space and all the food was placed one on top of the other," which, according to Green, made meal time very interesting.

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Without much effort, more and more details of his prison life came out. "You got one shower a week, the other days you took water from your cell pitcher, which was also your drinking water, and poured it into a bowl. Just like the old westerns," he remarked. "To shave you got a piece of stainless steel, not a mirror." Green said that all incoming mail was read before you got it. Visitors were allowed at Charlestown twice a month for one hour at a time, always under the watchful eye of a guard above them in a bullet-proof turret.

When asked how he felt about the conditions, Green replied: "They were bad but they really didn't bother me as much as they did some others. Just like anything else in life, you got used to it." When asked if the conditions drove him to a series of escape attempts, Green stated: "Not really, I just didn't like prison."

In the months following the 1952 riot, a host of problems including a series of escape attempts repeatedly jerked at the noose already firmly in place around the prison's neck. With a smirk on his face, Green told of a few of his bids for freedom — one of which was successful. "My job at the prison," Green stated, "was running a machine that made hand gloves." He said he noticed that every Friday a truck showed up to take away scraps of cloth to a mill. Green had himself nailed inside a packing case containing these rags and rode out of the prison. A friend on the outside was to follow the truck and, when he freed himself, pick him up. Unknown to either of the men, two trucks showed up that particular Friday and Green's friend followed the wrong one. Dropping off the truck in Somerville, Green remembered looking in despair for his ride.

"I was nervous because at the prison I was considered a problem and men in that category were dressed differently. Instead of a flannel jacket and dungarees, I had on a suit with blue and white pin stripes. I stuck out like a sore thumb." Nonetheless, Green made it to New Jersey only to be captured by the F.B.I. less than a week later. As if delivering the punch line of a joke, Green related the following as how he greeted the F.B.I.: "Boy, am I glad to see you guys — I must have blacked out — I don't know how I got here — please take me as fast as you can back to my machine at the prison."

Looking over newspapers of the day, the

former inmate only shook his head as his name seemed to jump from every page. With laughter in his voice, Green pointed to a May 1953 story. The article told of an escape attempt, this one not successful. It seems that Green and five others armed with pistols and gasoline bombs stormed a wall. While Green tossed a rope with a homemade hook up on the wall, the guard turret was set on fire and shot at repeatedly. Green's hook straightened out under his weight and, with the prisoners' guns empty, all were captured.

The situation at the prison continued to grow steadily worse, the noose pulling ever tighter. There were hints that the facility might be closing. A prison colony had risen in Norfolk in 1949 and rumor had it that a new state prison was in the legal and financial stage. Many wondered when, and for the authorities at Charlestown it was not soon enough.

Various attempts were made to escape or to riot. Shakedown inspections were very successful in averting a series of riots. After one such inspection a host of weapons were confiscated including a pipe, scissors, ice picks and a paring knife. What concerned prison officials the most was where the guns and ammunition were coming from. On top of it all, two convict factions were struggling for power.

Green remembered being confined to the prison's Cherry Hill cell block. The "Hill," as Butterworth referred to it, was originally designated for model prisoners as the cells had windows, plumbing and wooden floors. In the 1950s it was used as an isolation block for problem inmates. Now the reference made to Cherry Hill on the plaque at The Front Page was clear. Within the walls of the Hill the prison's most memorable uprising took place in mid-January of 1955.

The Cherry Hill Siege

Perking up, Green recalled the infamous Cherry Hill siege in which he played a major role. It all began as an escape attempt by Green and three others at Cherry Hill. Using hacksaws, they freed themselves from their cells. Shortly after 1 a.m., the four with two smuggled pistols, wire, rope and a crude ladder fashioned from a door, attempted to scale the roof of the north wing. Green had no luck with homemade devices — like the hook in his previous escape attempt, the ladder gave way.

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though nothing by today's standards, he assured me it was comparable to the salaries of most law-enforcement agencies of the time.

From the other side, perhaps one of Charlestown's most infamous prisoners and escape artists Ted Green, recalled the old prison to which he was committed in 1947.

Both Butterworth and Green related a typical day at Charlestown as going something like this . . . cells were opened one at a time for breakfast, beginning at 8 a.m. With the previous night's dishes in hand, the prisoners go to the kitchen and pick up breakfast. Next it was back to the cell and a head count. At 8:45 a.m. cells are opened again and after a return to the kitchen, inmates took their wooden buckets to a trough in the yard to

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(continued from page one)

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Griggs performed with the NEC Honors Brass Quintet at the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston in December and will perform at WGBH-FM in Boston on Jan. 25, NEC's "Tribute to Jordan Hall" on Feb. 10 and for the Janet Gates-Peckman Scholarship Fund on Feb. 3.

sented by the Wakefield Community Theater.

Margaret Ellen Merritt is playing the lead role of Maria. Merritt has vast experience in theater and music. She has sung in madrigal, choir and choral groups since the age of 7. For one summer she was a singing waitress on the *Spirit of Boston* and, during another

summer, on the *Spirit of Philadelphia*. She has been in the local pop-rock band "Agent 99" for the past three years.

Her theater experience includes lead roles in "The Desk Set," "Up the Down Staircase," and "The Pajama Game." In addition she has played in productions of "Godspell," "The Boyfriend," and "Annie Get

Your Gun."

At Vassar College, Merritt performed in opera workshop productions of Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas," Menotti's "The Old Maid and the Thief" and Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro."

Jeannie Clement is appearing in this production

as one of the nuns. Last seen in a production of "Godspell" performed at the Baptist Church of Winchester, she has also been in "The Sound of Music" with the Bergen (N.J.) County Players. In addition, she was Director of Music for the Catholic Church of Vassar College.

The show will be performed through Jan. 12; Merritt will perform as Maria on Jan. 11, while Linda Marchi will perform the same role on Jan. 10 and 12. All performances will be held at the Greenwood School, Main Street in Wakefield. For ticket information, call 245-8078.



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'Townie Santa' Delivers Christmas Packages To Over 100 Charlestown Elderly Shut-Ins



The weather on the Sunday before Christmas was comparable to a spring day as temperatures soared into the 70s. The warm weather did not impede the spirit of Christmas as volunteers gathered at the Mary Colbert Apartments to prepare for the delivery of holiday packages to over 100 of Charlestown's elderly shut-ins.

Last minute packing of handmade lap robes, juice, milk and bread was undertaken by a crew while packages were arranged for easy pick up. The last-minute check of the names and addresses of the recipients was made, delivery teams were organized and "Townie Santa" was ready to go.

Meanwhile, at the headquarters of Scalli Caterers

on Sackville Street, family and friends gathered to assist Bob and Carol Scalli in the preparation and packaging of almost 150 hot turkey dinners that would be delivered along with the Christmas packages. Mayor Raymond Flynn joined the volunteers at the Scalli home, donned an apron, rolled up his sleeves and took a place in the assembly line to package the dinners.

Teamsters Local 25 provided its van, and retiree

Mel Stillman drove. The crew, that included Ed Connolly from the ILA, loaded the van and began delivery to recipients in the Bunker Hill Housing Development.

Volunteers began delivery at 11 a.m. People from all walks of life, ranging in age from toddlers to persons in their 70s, were there to help in any way they could. Many individuals and several families were

there, helping others as a special holiday project. Many businesses and organizations were also represented.

The volunteers were faced with the awesome task of delivering two boxes containing food items, toiletries and gifts, along with three plastic shopping bags and a turkey dinner.

As with any task, willing hands make the project easier and that Sunday was no exception. The volunteers included representatives from The Teen Connection, the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, crew members from the USS Constitution, a team from the National Park Service, Rep. Richard A. Voke and former Boston School Committee President John Nuccci.

It was not an easy task, but as the volunteers returned to the Mary Colbert Apartments to report in and

see if further help was needed, each expressed delight in being able to take part in this holiday program.

Thanks from many of the recipients has been arriving. Several have stated that their cupboards were bare, and this delivery of food and toiletries was much appreciated.

This program would not be possible if it were not for the generosity of the residents, former residents, businesses and organizations that donate money, goods and services each year. Also, it is the devotion of a small group called the "Townie Santa" Committee that works all through the year to plan for this holiday program that makes it happen each Christmas.

The Townie Santa Committee extends its thanks to all who participated in any way.

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by Charlie McGonagle

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In 1917 the Charlestown Boys Club opened the doors to its new building on Green Street. For those of us who were members of the club prior to the extensive renovations of the 1960s, remembering the granite wall in which the above words were carved is a simple task. And in remembering, we also recall the courtyard as it was then, and we wonder why things really had to change.

Perhaps there was good reason to restructure much of the area, I do not know, but

I do know that I am not alone in saying that the granite wall which carried these words should not have been destroyed. The impact of these words can probably best be measured by looking into the minds of so many former members and finding them indelibly etched there.

Pat Sweeney, a member of the club for many years and current chairman of the club's Executive Board insists that the best definition of a boys club can be found in these words. Pat's efforts to trace the saying to a source, however, have been unsuccessful. One thing, though, is certain. Prior to 1917 somebody put them together and they remain as meaningful today, in boys club parlance, as they did those 70-odd years ago.

On Saturday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m., the Alumni Committee of the Executive Board of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club will hold the third annual Charlestown Boys Club Reunion in the High Street building. Members of yesterday will remember this building as the Girls Club.

The success of the first two gatherings of

former members can best be measured by the number of people who attended, especially last year when blizzard-like conditions threatened to cancel the event. Even under these most adverse of conditions, some 240 members traveled through the snow from neighboring cities, and in more than a few cases, from neighboring states to attend.

One of the goals of the Executive Board's Alumni Committee this year is to restore, in some way, the words which were so synonymous with the Charlestown Boys Club.

Although replacing the granite wall which held these meaningful words would be impossible, a permanent replacement is now in the planning stages. A portion of the funds

generated from the reunion will be used to help construct a facsimile of that granite wall in the hope that the young people of today's Charlestown will become familiar with the words which best define their club.

Former members interested in attending this year's reunion on Saturday night, Feb. 2, should contact Jerry Steimel, clubhouse director, at 242-1775 or one of the following Alumni Committee members: Steve Kenneally, Alumni Committee chairman, 391-2563; Pat Sweeney, Executive Board chairman, 979-0330; Denny Borden, 242-2914; Paul Collins, 242-1935; Jimmy Connors, 241-8181; Dan McGoff, 242-0819; or Charlie McGonagle, 665-9445.

Kitchen Crew Prepares Dinner For 'Townie Santa' Delivery



THE COOKS were busy preparing and serving a hot turkey dinner on the Sunday before Christmas at Scalli Caterers on Sackville Street for delivery to Charlestown's elderly, needy shut-ins as part of the "Townie Santa" program. Shown (l. to r.) Steve

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TOWNIE SPORTS LINE

Charlestown Youth Hockey Notes

by Peter Golden
The Charlestown Youth Hockey Association teams enjoyed a very successful holiday season with victories recorded on all levels of play.

Pee Wee Report
The biggest celebrants of the holidays were Moe Gillen's Pee Wees. These young men forged a three-game winning streak. The reasons for this success were clearly evident last Saturday night as they downed Canton 5-0. Disciplined teamwork, solid goal tending and hustle at both ends of the ice result in victories. Kevin Hurley with two goals, along with Jeff Andrea, Paul Allen and Jason Smith powered the at-

tack. Assists on these goals were credited to Peter Golden with two while Chris Lent, Mike Upton, Rick Evers and Jason Smith recorded one each. Goalies Dan O'Brien and Jeremy Manning combined on the shutout. Each made a number of key stops to keep Canton off the board.
On Dec. 29, the Pee Wees defeated Dedham 7-4. Paul Allen and Mike Collins each had a pair of goals. Single markers were recorded by Jason Smith, Brian Lacey and Jeff Andrea. Playmakers on these goals were Brian Lacey and Joe Lawler with two assists each as well as Mike Collins, Jason Smith, Jim Considine and Joe Brennan

with one each. Keep on going, Pee Wees!
Squirt I Report
The Squirt I team, headed by Dave Hanson, continues to play well and has its own three-game winning streak.
Saturday saw them defeat Belmont at the Charlestown rink 3-1. Bill Burke, with two goals, and Kevin Golden led the scoring. Mike MacPherson and Jim Mahoney received assists on these goals.
Dec. 29 saw the Squirts shutout Parkway 8-0. Bill Burke recorded another hat trick while Shane Coleman and Kevin Golden each had a pair of goals. Mike MacPherson closed out the goal scoring. Setting up these

goals were fine assists by Terry Smith and Mike MacPherson, each with two, and singles were by Shane Coleman, Joe Tallent, Jason Duncan, James Groat, Pat Walsh, John Lynch and Chase Runyon. Pat Lacey notched the shutout in goal.
Westwood fell to the Squirts 4-2 on Dec. 23. Townie lamplighters were Jason Duncan, Bill Burke, Jim Mahoney and Joe Tallent. This team has also displayed the same disciplined team effort that results in victories. Keep it up, Squirts!
Squirt II Report
The Squirt II's, coached by Jim Kane, are also on a winning streak. The last

two games have seen them defeat Somerville 3-2 and Brookline 5-1.
The Somerville game featured goals by Ben Burnett, Kevin Roche and Jim Kane. Rob Celata and Ed Prince did a fine job of assisting on these goals. Mike Machado has played solidly in goal for the Squirt II's and it showed in this game.
Brookline fell 5-1 on Dec. 23. Charlestown's goals were scored by Greg "Go Go" Lavallee, Bob Krol, Ed Prince, Rob Celata and Jim Kane. Nifty plays by Chet "The Get" Ferreira and Bob Krol with three assists each, along with Pat and Jim Kane, help set up these goals.

Mighty Mite Report
GBL Mites
The GBL Mites, despite losing its last game to Wellesley by the score of 6-1, also enjoyed the holidays. Saturday's game saw a sluggish Townie team fall behind early. Despite the best efforts of goalie Jim Garvey, Wellesley scored six times. Matt Stein was the only Townie to light the lamp. Coach Bryson noted the fine efforts of Jim Garvey, Chris Breen, Brian McCrory and Ryan Tucker against the powerful Wellesley sextet.
The week prior saw the Mites face a stormy and rumored-to-be unbeatable Westwood club. Needless to

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Gillen Stars As Charlestown Whips Southie 6-3

by Bob DeCristoforo
Jimmy Gillen had a goal and was responsible for two more as Charlestown defeated South Boston, the defending city champs, 6 to 3 in their first hockey meeting of the year on Friday afternoon at Northeastern.
Jim McLaughlin got the opening Charlestown tally early in the first period, but South Boston standout Joe Pano got the equalizer shortly after. Charlestown jumped ahead 2 to 1 when Billy Kempton rapped home a nice one late in the period.
The second period was

all Charlestown. Dick Centola in goal kept Southie off the scoreboard and his efforts were rewarded by teammates Derek O'Brien and Joey Fitzgerald who had a goal each, sending Charlestown into the locker room with a 4 to 1 lead.
South Boston never quits and they came out roaring in the third period. Pano got his second goal of the game and a goal by Ed Mahoney put the City Pointers within one.
At 4 to 3 Charlestown needed some big plays and some big saves. O'Brien came up with a dandy de-

fensive play and Centola rose to the occasion with a couple of big saves.
With the seconds ticking down, South Boston had to pull its goalie and Charlestown answered back with two open netters, one by Gillen and the other by Fitzgerald.
Anthony Matson had two assists for the victors, who enter the week undefeated atop the city league.
It was a good Charlestown afternoon. It was good to finally see a good hockey game, and good to see people in the stands supporting their team.

St. Catherine's Cadet Girls

by Bob DeCristoforo
St. Catherine's Girls Cadet Basketball Team has come from nothing to something in a very short period of time.
Coach Mary Ellen Evers

has done an extraordinary job with her young team, who for the most part never even thought about basketball until this year.
Members of the team are: Kelly Wedge, Melinda

Morrissey, Shannon Anzalone, Angelique Keane, Kristine Murphy, Teagan Leonard, April Titcomb, Linda Dube, Tammy LaBlanc, Allison Evers, Jenni Evers and Jacquelyn McDougall.
The team schedule for January includes: Saturday, Jan. 12 at Gate of Heaven at 4 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 20 at home against St. Gregory's at 3:30 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 21 at St. Brigid at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 27 at home against St. Anthony at 3:30 p.m.
Home games are played at the Boys & Girls Club.

Celtics Basketball Clinic

by Bob DeCristoforo
Sunday was certainly a basketball day in Charlestown.
All St. Catherine's CYO teams were in action . . . five in all, and following the games many of the players had the opportunity to join players from around the state at the Red Auerbach/Boston Celtics Basketball

Clinic.
The clinic was held at Boston Garden and sponsored by the Boston Foundation's Red Auerbach Fund.
We extend special thanks to Kathleen Flaherty of the Boston Foundation for helping obtain the tickets for this clinic.

CYO Basketball

by Cecil Jones
St. Catherine's Intermediate Men's Basketball Team broke even this week, beating Sacred Heart of Roslindale, 64 to 54, and losing to St. Theresa's of West Roxbury, 52 to 49.
In their victory over Sacred Heart, Derek Gallagher led the team with 18 points and had help from Steve Fabiano with 15 points, Mike Connell with 10 points and Dan Martell chipped in nine points.

In their loss to St. Theresa's the team played a tough game against a team that was very chippy and got a little help from the refs. The team was led by hot-handed Steve Fabiano who drilled several long-range shots to lead the team in scoring with 16 points. Also helping was Derek Gallagher with 14 points and Mike Connell with 10 points. The team is now two and two on the season.

Senior Athletes Keep Busy Schedule


The senior athletes participating in winter sports at Don Bosco Technical High School will not have any excess time on their hands during the next three months.
During the school day, they attend their college prep academic classes and work in the shops of their technology major.
Six days a week they either practice or participate in games or meets.

In addition, they are volunteering 50 hours of their time in the Senior Service Projects program which is part of the Religious Education curriculum. Basketball player Steve Power of 9 Hill St., Charlestown is with the St. Catherine's Parish CYO.
And, even with such busy schedules, a few of the athletes will even find time to work on a job several hours each week.

St. Catherine's Juniors Fall Short

by Bob DeCristoforo
St. Mary's of Milton defeated the St. Catherine's Juniors Basketball Team 65 to 53 on Sunday at Milton in the first game of a home and home series.
Anthony Matson led the Charlestown scorers with 13 points and Jonathan Owens tossed in 12 in the losing effort.
St. Catherine's led at the

half 32 to 30 and the seesaw battle continued during the second half. St. Mary's pulled ahead to a commanding lead when St. Catherine's was forced to foul late in the game.
St. Catherine's will host St. William's of Dorchester on Monday, and then will travel to St. Gregory's in Dorchester on Tuesday evening.



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Charlestown Youth Hockey Notes

(continued from page 10) say, the young Townies picked up their sticks and went to work. Jack Kelly, who scored a hat trick, led the Townie offense. His winning goal, with three minutes left to play, came after fine passes by Ed Kelly and Fred Arroyo. Jimmy Garvey was immense in the goal and made one sparkling save after another. Jeff Fidler was cited by Coach Bryson for his unselfish team play. The blue-line quartet of Sean Rae, Mike Kelly, Eric Pacheco and Dave Bryson were also singled out for their fine play.

Lynch Club

The Woburn Mite team, coached by Ed Lynch, continues to steamroller opponents. The last three weeks have seen these Mighty Mites defeat Winchester 8-0, Belmont 4-2 and the other Charlestown team 5-3.

Jan. 5 saw Winchester fall 8-0. Chad Titcomb sparked the offense with a hat trick. Paul Hennessey added a pair of goals while single scores were made by Adam Smith, Ray Ortiz and Brian Burke. Cory Hollien and Dan Considine were the playmakers of note in this game. Ryan Connolly recorded another fine shut-out.

Belmont fell 4-2 on Dec. 29. A balanced attack was the feature of this game.

Teen Connection News . . .

Co-Ed Volleyball Standings as of Jan. 3

Team	W	L	Bye
Total Package	3	0	0
B. Yandle's	2	1	0
Bunker Hill	1	1	1
Main Street	1	1	1
Newtowne	1	1	1
Black Crow	1	2	0
Erins	0	1	1
Crusaders	0	2	1

Girls Ball Hockey

Girls Ball Hockey Playoffs begin . . . Who will be the 1990-91 champs?

- 1st — Newtowne
- 2nd — Parkies
- 3rd — Main Street
- 4th — Barbies
- 5th — Fighting Irish

As the playoffs began Tuesday, Team 4, the Barbies, led by Captain Noreen Hagarty, met Team 5, the Fighting Irish, led by Christine Locke and company, for the wild card spot.

Newtowne has gone undefeated all year and is in a good position to capture the championship. Team captains are Michelle Macomber and Shannon McLaughlin. Yet, we cannot underestimate the ever-tenacious Parkies, led by Jodi Neff, who have enough talent to be victors as well. The dark horse in this race for the title is definitely Main Street who has been struggling this year but could be the team to upset. Its amazing, never-say-die captain is Helen Scales!

As the playoffs continue, first-place Newtowne will meet the winner of Tuesday's game on Thursday, Jan. 10 and the Parkies will face Main Street.

Single goals were popped by Cory Hollien, Ryan Mainey, Paul Hennessey and Chris Hayes. Ryan Connolly was a star in goal, repelling many fine scoring attempts by Belmont.

Murphy Club

The Woburn Mite team of Jack Murphy continued to play well. The last two games were impressive outings for the Murphy Club. Defense was the name of the game in these two contests.

Jan. 6 saw Wakefield fall 2-1. Pat Doe and Phil O'Neill were the Charlestown snipers. Jon Castro was a stand out in goal with a number of key stops. Coach Murphy also praised the fine play of Jason Souza, Pat McLaughlin and Cole Justice.

Winchester fell 1-0 on Dec. 30. Jonathan Castro was brilliant in goal as he recorded his second shutout of the year. John Murphy netted the game-winning goal. This victory also featured the fine play of the red line — Mike Reid, Derek Garceau, Guerrin Miller, Eddie Mullen and Cole Justice — who were key contributors to the victory.

In-House Teams

This week's In-House action produced plenty of excitement for the fans. The most competitive of the games saw the Flyers overcome the Whalers 7-6. As

the score indicates, this was a real nip-and-tuck affair with both teams playing well. The Flyers were led by Pat Doe, Jim Kane and Kevin Golden, each scoring two goals. Sean Getchell added the seventh tally. The Whalers' rally was led by Mike MacPherson who had two goals. Brian McGonagle, Matt and Greg Stein and Greg Lavallee were other Whaler scorers.

The second game of the night paired the first-place Wings against the fourth-place Sabres. The Sabres worked hard throughout the game and put a scare into the undefeated Wings before succumbing 6-4. Paul Hennessey, Jim Kelly and Jason Duncan, who had two goals, led the Sabres' scoring. The winning Wings were led by Bill Burke's two goals and single letters by Shane Coleman, Chet Ferreira, Nick Philippi and David Bryson.

The Bruins had the hot hands as they defeated the Hawks 12-1. Fred Arroyo led the way with four goals for the Bruins. Adam

Smith, Phil O'Neill and Steve Linnane each contributed a pair of goals to the Bruins' total. Mike Smith and John Lynch closed out the Bruins' scoring. The lone Hawks tally was netted by Mike Smith.

Players of the Week

Bruins	Mark Hanscom
Flyers	Pat Doe
Hawks	John Woods
Sabres	Geno Lawrence
Whalers	Matt Stein
Wings	Eric Pacheco

Standings

Wings	8-0-0	16
Whalers	5-3-0	10
Flyers	4-3-1	9
Bruins	4-4-0	8
Sabres	2-5-1	5
Hawks	0-8-0	0

REMINDER

This is an expanding organization as more and more of our youth take to the ice. This results in added costs to the program. If you would like to help, drop by the rink and see Phil Coleman, Bill Burke or Buddy Lacey and pick up a couple of tickets to tomorrow night's dance at the K. of C. It promises to be a good time for a good cause.

Council 62, K. of C. To Sponsor Youth Free-Throw Championship

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 1991 Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held at noon on Saturday, Jan. 19 at the Boys & Girls Club Gym, High Street.

The International Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually by the K. of C. with winners progressing through local, district and state level competition. International championships are announced by the K. of C. International headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in respective age divisions. Last year more than 161,000 sharpshooters participated in 2,132 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in this event. Participants will be required to furnish proof of

age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information, contact Council 62 at 242-9673 or pick up entry forms at the Boys & Girls Club.

St. Catherine's Cadet B Team

by Bob DeCristoforo

The St. Catherine's Cadet B Basketball Team is coached by Mike Erardi and Stephen Mahan. Members of the team are: Mike Chase, Steve Livingston, Mark Luisi, Adam Olsson, Jim White, Mark Collins,

Jim McIsaac, Greg Staples, Brian Wadman, Paul Allen and Roger Surrrette.

The next game is Sunday, Jan. 13 vs. St. Catherine's A Team at 1 p.m.

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ACTIVITIES

- **Quilting** — Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Arts & Crafts** — Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Flower Arrangements** — Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Ceramics** — Monday to Thursday from noon to 4 p.m., contact Christine Pizzurro.
- **Beano** — Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:30 p.m., contact Sheila Walsh.
- **Lunch** — Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at noon, contact Sheila Walsh.
- **Knit & Crochet** — Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.

TRIPS PLANNED

The center is planning a trip to the Beacon Motel in Lincoln, N.H. for a St. Patrick's Day Party and Clambake on March 6 and 7. The two day, one night trip includes three meals and the cost is \$109 based on double occupancy. Reservations must be made by the end of January and a \$25 deposit is required when the reservation is made.

A trip to Bally's Park Place Casino Hotel in Atlantic City is planned for April 1 to 3. The cost of the trip is \$169 per person based on double occupancy. The package includes bonuses of \$30 in coin and a \$15 food credit. A \$50 deposit is required when the reservation is made with the balance due by March 1. Please see Sheila Walsh for further information.

BUS TO STOP & SHOP

A bus to Stop & Shop picks up at the Golden Age Center Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

HOUSING, EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SERVICE

This service is available to seniors every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Age Center. Applications and help completing them is available.

For more information, contact Beverly Gibbons at 241-7513 or 242-2770.



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Wednesday — Cream of broccoli soup, ravioli with sauce, Italian vegetables, wheat bread, cookies

Thursday — Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, pumpernickel bread, fresh fruit

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Free Vision Screening

The city of Boston's Commission on Affairs of the Elderly is offering free vision screenings to Charlestown residents 60 years and older through the Elderly Commission's Health Unit.

Commissioner Diane Watson encourages all seniors to take advantage of this important health service.

Vision screening will be held at the Golden Age Center, 382 Main St., Charlestown on Monday,

Jan. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The vision screening program is co-sponsored by the Boston Optometric Center of the New England College of Optometry.

In addition, the Commission offers free eye examinations and hearing screening by appointment through its Bright Eyes and Sound Screen Clinics at Boston City Hospital. Please call 725-4050 for more information.

AARP To Meet

Boston Chapter 88 of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at St. Paul's Cathedral, 138 Tremont St., Boston. Officer John Santangelo

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★ EVENTS OF THE WEEK ★

Friday, Jan. 11

- 10 a.m. - Arts & Crafts, Senior Lounge
- 10 a.m. - Seniorobics, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
- 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

Monday, Jan. 14

- 10 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments
- 10 a.m. - Seniorobics, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
- 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

Tuesday, Jan. 15

- 10 a.m. - Crochet, Senior Lounge
- 10 a.m. - Seniorobics, Constitution Co-op
- 10 a.m. - Sunshine Club, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge

Wednesday, Jan. 16

- 9:30 a.m. - Stop & Shop Bus, Anchorage Apts.
- 10 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments
- 10 a.m. - Arts & Crafts and Social Services, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
- 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

Thursday, Jan. 17

- 9:30 a.m. - Stop & Shop Bus, Senior Lounge, Golden Age Ctr., Constitution Co-op Apts.
- 10 a.m. - Crochet, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge

★ HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS ★

We would like to wish a Happy January Birthday to: Dot Arsenault, Rose Bartolo, Lillian Buckley, Joe Caruso, Marion Considine, Mary Dennehy, Ruth Deveau, Anna Dole, James Doyle, Edith Fawcette, Bill Fidler, Alice Fields, Alice Godsell, Dot Keniston, Mary Lynch, Helen Mahoney, Katherine McCarthy, Kathryn Quinn, Rita Sullivan, Peggy Tugman, Elizabeth Ross and Bob Urquhart.

For more information on senior activities, home-maker services or transportation, contact Judi Meaney, director of Senior Services, at 241-8866.

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C.Y.O. NEWS by Father Ron Coyne

• **St. Catherine's "Little Townies"** — Charlestown once again entered color guard competition last week after a 26-year lapse in the activity. We have 24 girls who compete each Saturday evening in the Cadet Division of the Eastern Mass. Circuit, the entry level in color guard. There are 12 color guards competing at this age level.

The girls have been practicing twice a week for the past three months and will continue to practice as they compete each Saturday at various sites in and around Boston. This activity teaches self-esteem, responsibility and discipline as these girls form a bond among themselves and with their competitors. The beauty of this activity is that there are no stars. Each girl is an equal part of the routine and show that they present as they march and dance while carrying rifles, flags and sabres.

We have an excellent instructional staff in Mark Sullivan and Nancy and Bennet Woolson. Our managers are Wanda English, Theresa Ortiz and Diane Gallagher.

The "Little Townies" are Tara Awbrey, Erin Carroll, Aysa Castro, Shaina Coleman, Tracy Gallagher, Kristen Golden, Jillian Griffiths, Kelli-Ann Griffiths, Heather Halloran, Stephanie Hayes, Kimberly Lawrence, Erica McIsaac, Sharleen McNeil, Jan Misset, Jennifer Misset, Melissa Misset, Meagan O'Connor, Lauren-Kate O'Hearn, Jessica Ortiz, Rachel Pinder, Sabrina Pinder, Linda Rizzo, Allison Sargent and Julie Scalli.

Belonging to the Eastern Mass. Color Guard Circuit is a privilege and we support these girls every way we can. Their next contests are Saturday, Jan. 12 at Everett High School; Saturday, Jan. 19 at Lowell Vocational Tech.; and Saturday, Jan. 26 at Woburn High School. All contests begin at 5 p.m. and St. Catherine's will appear within the first hour of the competition. All are welcome.

• **CYO Ice Hockey** — Our first season representing Charlestown and St. Catherine's CYO in the CYO Hockey League is an exciting one not only for our players but the fans as well. Our record is one win and two losses. We lost our opening game to St. Theresa's, West Roxbury 6-0; came back to defeat defending champion Sacred Heart, Roslindale 3-0; and last week lost a heartbreaker to Sacred Heart, Malden 4-3. Our next two games are Saturday, Jan. 12 at 8 a.m. against St. Joseph's, Needham and Saturday, Jan. 19 at 9 a.m. against St. Theresa's. All games are at the Quincy MDC Rink on Willard Road.

The CYO team is coached by Tom McGoff, Paul Wrenn and Steve Considine.

Our team is comprised of Paul Allen, Bill Knox, Josh Smith, Robert Tripoli, Dave Givliano, Gregg McNeil, Jason Smith, Jonathan Lent, Brian Lacey, Ricky Evers, George Rodriguez, David Walsh, Todd Sgro, Paul Myers, Chris Kisich, Jason Thirbert, Bob Petrino, Robbie Verdi, Mark Fitzgerald, Rickey Auch and John Harding.

We are proud of these boys, their athletic skills and their outstanding sportsmanship. It has been a long time since we have been represented in the CYO Hockey League and the Archdiocese is thrilled to have us back.

• **CYO Three-Day Ski Trip** — We now have 30 teenagers going on our three-day ski trip to Sunday River, Maine. The bus will leave St. Catherine's Church at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19 and return on Monday, Jan. 21 around 9 p.m. Chaperones will be Linda Lacey, Steve Fabiano and Father Coyne. The cost of \$150 includes lodging for two nights at the Town & Country Motor Inn, lift ticket for two days at Sunday River, rental of skis, boots and poles, three meals and transportation. The actual cost is \$200, but the CYO will pay \$50 per person. There are still openings. If you would like to go, call Father Coyne at 242-1750. Each teen-ager must have a permission slip filled out by a parent. We also need height, weight and boot size for ski rentals.

• **Scavenger Hunt For Teen-Agers** — St. Catherine's CYO invites all Charlestown teen-agers to take part in our first Scavenger Hunt. We ask you to form a team of five (male or female from public or parochial school). As long as you are at least 13 years of age, you are eligible.

All teams will meet at St. Catherine's school hall at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2. They will be given a list of 100 items and will have two hours to get as many of these items as possible and return to the hall. Feet will be the only transportation allowed. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. We are now looking for teen-agers willing to be team captains and organize his/her own team of friends. If you would like to have a team, please call Father Coyne at St. Catherine's to register.

The Charlestown Branch Library's Adult Discussion Group will begin a three-part series on "Stress Management For Parents" on

Adult Discussion Group Begins A Three-Part Series On Stress Management

Friday, Jan. 11 with early childhood specialist Susan Comstock. The program will be held at 10 a.m. at the library, 179 Main St.

Comstock will be conducting a series of mini-workshops. The first session will focus on taking care of oneself as a parent, even during hectic times. Program topics for the next two sessions will be selected by the group at the end of the first session.

Suggested reading in con-

junction with the program includes **Don't Take It Out on Your Kids** by Katharine C. Kersey, **The Relaxed Body Book: A High-Energy Anti-Tension Program and Tension Turnaround: The 30-Day Program for Inner Calm, Confidence and Control** by Sharon Faeltner.

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Notice of License Application pursuant to G.L. Chapter 91, Waterways License Application Number W90-0727, Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, 100 First Avenue, Charlestown, MA 02129. Public notice is hereby given of the application by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to construct and maintain a passenger ferry facility consisting of a floating dock, ramp, rip-rap shoreline and 300 car parking area at 329-441 Medford Street within the Mystic River Designated Port Area in the municipality of Boston, in and over the waters of the Mystic River. The proposed use of the structure(s) or fill is to provide a personnel ferry dock and supporting facilities and is a water-dependent project. The Department will consider all written comments submitted within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date" in order to decide whether to grant authorization for the proposed activity pursuant to G.L. Chapter 91. Furthermore, a municipality, ten citizen group or any aggrieved person that has submitted written comments may also petition to intervene to become a party before the close of the comment period. Failure to submit such petition will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing. Further information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Division at (617) 292-5695. Plans and documents for this application are on file with the Department for public view at the address below. Written comments should be addressed to: John A. Simpson, Section Chief, DEP/Waterways Regulation Program, One Winter Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor must be signed and include name, address and telephone number for verification. The name will be withheld if the writer so requests. Anonymous letters will NOT be published.



Vandalism Plagues The Old Kent School

The Old Kent School, damaged by arson in December 1987, reopened in May 1990 to 159 young children, thanks to the support of many Charlestown residents.

Since the reopening, however, vandalism continues to plague the school. Specifically, back door windows have been completely destroyed, all of the doors have been jimmied and otherwise tampered with during the night, outside screens have been removed and destroyed, and classroom windows have been broken.

All of this damage costs money to fix, not to mention the inconvenience to teachers who must spend time cleaning up the mess left by vandals.

Recently, a letter was sent home to parents who live close to the Old Kent asking them to help protect the school from further damage by calling the police at 911 when a break-in is in progress at the school.

On behalf of Headstart/Day Care children and families, I am now asking the community to help with this problem! If you see any unusual activity happening at the Old Kent School after 8 p.m., please call the police at 911 to report it. You don't have to leave your name.

Your continued support is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Maryellen Connors
Headstart/Day Care Program Director

One More Change On The Neighborhood Council

Dear Gloria,

This letter was given to the Charlestown Neighborhood Council concerning the North Area Task Force seat on the council this year.

Mr. Dennis McLaughlin
Charlestown Neighborhood Council

Dear Dennis:

The North Area Task Force looks forward to continuing our membership on the Neighborhood Council for 1991. There will be one change, however, and that is Charlestown resident Marilyn Darling will take my seat on the Council. Marilyn has been involved with the Task Force for at least a half dozen years and I know she will do an outstanding job. (Not to worry, I'll still be around town!)

Concerning CANA and Scheme Z, the Task Force will continue to be very active as we have for the last dozen years. The CANA project has been successful because the public process continued throughout the planning period. The reason the Central Artery (North of Causeway Street) ran into problems was that the communication process between the state Department of Public Works and the residents of Charlestown was not what it should have been. I feel confident that the DPW will remember in the future that Charlestown wants public meetings held to discuss any new proposals concerning the town. The Boston Redevelopment Authority should remember to continue to have public meetings for the Charlestown residents on any development and

should learn from the DPW's mistake on the area North of Causeway Street.

As for 1991, I hope to see the new Zoning Plan for Charlestown come forward from the BRA and that the new parking regulations passed by the Neighborhood Council become fact, as it is long overdue.

The time I have spent on the council and the council members I have worked with have made the experience something I will always remember. I wish the council the very best for all its hard work and hours spent making Charlestown a great place to live for all residents.

Sincerely,
Ken Stone

cc: The Charlestown Patriot

Buca Says, 'Thanks Chuckie'

The young people of Charlestown have often been criticized as being drug users and alcohol abusers. Seldom do we hear anything complimentary about any of them. However, this is about one of our youth.

On Sunday, Jan. 6, I was at the Harborwatch restaurant in the Navy Yard when, as I looked out the window, I saw a dog fall into the water. His master, who had been walking him, yelled for help and a young "Townie," Chuckie Smith, responded by jumping from the pier into the water and rescuing the beautiful black Chow dog with no regard for his own safety.

This is one more reason I am a Proud Townie
P.S. I later learned the dog's name is "Buca."

Master Plan Sent Back For Review

Gloria Conway, editor
The Charlestown Patriot

Dear Gloria:

According to press accounts, outgoing Secretary of Environmental Affairs John DeVillars made an important decision for the people of Charlestown. He refused to approve the BRA's Master Plan for the Navy Yard, "sending it back for further public review."

This decision allows the people of Charlestown more time to understand and comment on a Master Plan which includes the relocation of the New England Aquarium and significant office-research construction and a 390-room hotel and conference center. Charlestown has now begun to evaluate Scheme Z and the controversy around the Traverse Street ramp and its impact on City Square, and it is critical that we appreciate the additional impact on Chelsea Street and

City Square of Navy Yard development.

On Friday, Jan. 4, the Massachusetts Historical Commission sponsored a meeting which included members of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council, the Charlestown Business Association, the Charlestown Preservation Society, the Shipways and Constellation Associations, the Bricklayers' Housing, the National Park Service, the Boston Landmarks Commission, the Massachusetts General Hospital, the Ad Hoc Coalition and the BRA.

At this gathering, the BRA reviewed in detail the history of development proposals and master plans since the transfer of the yard to the city in 1978. It was an informative presentation which gave those attending a fuller understanding of the status of agreements among the BRA, the National Park Service, the Boston Landmarks Commission and the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Important suggestions for improving the plan were made by community residents.

The Ad Hoc Coalition continues to be concerned about community understanding regarding the impacts of development allowed in the Navy Yard Master Plan. We have asked the BRA, therefore, to sponsor repeat presentations such as the one on Jan. 4 for the residents and workers of the Navy Yard and for the rest of Charlestown.

We believe the published reports indicating DeVillars' direction for additional public review of the Navy Yard Plan are important, and we urge the BRA to return to the community to take its questions and to respond to its concerns regarding development in the Navy Yard.

Sincerely,
Ivey St. John

For the Ad Hoc Coalition
(EDITOR'S NOTE: Although "The Patriot" was not notified nor invited to attend this meeting, we have been informed that the Massachusetts Historical Commission will be accepting written comment on the Navy Yard Master Plan through Jan. 16. Comments should be addressed to Executive Director Judith McDonough, Massachusetts Historical Commission, 80 Boylston St., Boston, Mass. 02116.)

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Charlestown State Prison —

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In desperation, the four inmates returned to Cherry Hill and, with five guards as hostages, barricaded themselves in — the siege had begun. The Hill, which was a building by itself, was soon surrounded by 15 state troopers with machine guns and another force with tear gas. Boston Fire Department floodlights turned night into day. A series of messages went back and forth between Green and Warden O'Brien over a direct telephone line: "We want a car — you won't get one; if any gas is used we'll kill the guards; a guard is sick send in the doctor — if he dies you'll all get the chair; send in Father Hartigan to hear confessions." The sun came up and went down again — the siege went on.

Charlestown residents and those persons who stood in the throng outside the prison, clearly remember the army tank that lumbered up to the prison belching smoke from its rear with its 72-mm cannon and 30- and 50-mm machine guns fully loaded. Butterworth recalled the siege as "very tense" — the prison was an armed camp. The former guard remembered the tank as too large to fit through the gate, so it was placed against the prison wall outside the Hill.

Inside the besieged cell block Green said

there was no tension, just a feeling of being trapped — another attempt at freedom gone. At a most unlikely time his sense of humor surfaced. Green said that one of his cohorts was a tank driver in the war. Putting the hostage guards to work digging, Green laughingly remembered ordering the men to dig under the wall, coming up near the tank so they could steal it. About three feet down, the would-be escape tunnel filled with water.

So it was all not for nothing, the inmates, now with no way out, requested a citizen committee come in and see the prison conditions, especially the solitary confinement cells housed in an adjacent wing of the Hill. It was granted and after some 83 tense hours, the inmates quit. With the end of the siege, the prison's neck finally snapped. By the fall of 1955, about half the prison population had been transferred to Concord and Norfolk. Also during this time, press photographers were allowed into the facility for the first time in its history — "to prove its disgrace."

For Fred Butterworth, a promising career awaited him — one that would take him to high places at the Walpole State Prison.

For Green, his time at Charlestown ended after Cherry Hill. With some 40 escape attempts to his credit and for obvious reasons, the state had had enough of him. He

was put under the jurisdiction of the state of California. "I was kicked out of the state," Green stated. He was to be committed to what was billed as an escape-proof facility — the infamous Alcatraz Prison.

The electric chair, its future uncertain, was taken to Walpole. During a 1970's riot, the leather restraints were taken by inmates and made into bracelets. Its future still uncertain, it continues to sit at Walpole.

With the dawn of 1956, the cells of Charlestown State Prison would await no new prisoners, only a wrecking ball.

Some would later say that perhaps portions of the prison should have been saved as a museum for posterity, but most were glad to see it go. Perhaps Ted Green said it well: "It was best it came down and that a college, something positive, sits there today."

While putting this article together, with map in hand I visited the site of the old pri-

son to try and get a feel for it. Nothing remains of all that happened, not even a plaque. One can feel a sense of peace. Green grass now grows in what was once a dusty prison yard. Great openness replaced the former confining walls. Where inmates once played baseball, college students kick soccer balls. The night bell or escape siren has been replaced by traffic rumbling over the interstate. If you listen hard enough, perhaps you'll hear the rambling of a ghost or two — a soul who wasted his life away or was destroyed at Charlestown. What was billed at birth as something positive, went to its grave 151 years later labeled the disgrace of Massachusetts.

A special thank you to the following people who helped put this article together . . . Fred Butterworth, Kay Whelan, John Fidler, Theodore Green and Jack Loan.

It's A Boy . . .

Wakefield Hospital. The baby weighed 9 pounds 5 ounces.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Landrigan of 86

School St., Charlestown.

The paternal grandmother is Anna A. Fallon of Melrose.

Kenneth was welcomed home by his brothers Keith, 6½; Mark, 4½ and Peter, 2½.

Mrs. Fallon is the former Emily Patricia Landrigan of Charlestown.

Lions Club To Meet

The Charlestown Lions Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

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Tuesday, Jan. 1

A stolen automobile was recovered on Tufts Street at 8 a.m.

An automobile parked on Seventh Street was broken into during the evening, and various items of clothing were stolen.

Wednesday, Jan. 2

At 8 a.m., an assault occurred between two students in front of a School Police officer at the Charlestown High School, when one of the students punched the other. The student was placed under arrest.

A stolen automobile was recovered on Brighton Street at 9 a.m.

Birmingham Sworn In As Senator At State House Ceremony

On Jan. 2, Tom Birmingham officially became the senator for the Suffolk-Essex-Middlesex district, which includes Charlestown, Revere, Chelsea, Everett, the North and West Ends of Boston and part of Saugus. Sen. Birmingham was sworn in at 11:30 in the morning with all members of his family present.

After the ceremony, Birmingham held a small reception at which he stated how honored he was on this day: "I have often said that becoming the senator from this district would be one of the proudest days of my life. We have worked exceedingly hard to get to this point, and I plan to work just as

hard as your state senator. I encourage the people of this district to come to my office with any problems, questions or suggestions you might have. I want to be the very best state senator you have ever voted for."

Later in the week, Birmingham announced his plan to hold weekly office hours in the district. He plans to rotate through each city or town to allow all constituents a chance to speak to him without having to travel to the State House.

Birmingham's office telephone number at the State House is 722-1650. Birmingham encourages all his constituents to feel free to contact him.

Thursday, Jan. 3

An automobile parked on Elm Street was vandalized by someone who slashed two tires.

An automobile parked on First Avenue was broken into, and various items of clothing were stolen.

At 7:45 p.m., detectives stopped a motor vehicle at Medford Street and Old Landing Way where they found three occupants to be in possession of a large quantity of marijuana and stereo equipment stolen in Texas. One of those arrested was from Newton and the other two were from Missouri. A large sum of money was also found.

Friday, Jan. 4

The windshield of an automobile parked at the Kent School parking lot was smashed during the day.

An automobile parked at Medford and Decatur streets was broken into during the evening, and items of clothing were stolen.

MWRA Recognizes Charlestown Resident For Valor

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority recently recognized Charlestown resident, James T. Donahue, Headworks Operator at MWRA's Deer Island Treatment Plant. Donahue was recognized for his rescue of a co-worker who fell into the Chelsea Creek Headworks in May 1990. He received an MWRA plaque for valor.

"Mr. Donahue exemplifies the spirit which led to the creation of the MWRA Employee Recognition Program," said MWRA Executive Director Paul F. Levy. "His heroic performance during a time of emergency is most deserving of this

award."

The MWRA Human Resources Department initiated the Employee Recognition Program in 1988 to honor employees with long-term service.

Celebration Of Black History

A celebration of Black History will be held at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 3:30 p.m.

There will be stories, games, films, crafts and songs which celebrate Africans and African-Americans for children ages 5 to 10 and their parents.

Saturday, Jan. 5

An apartment at 33 Corey St. was broken into during the daytime, and various pieces of stereo equipment were stolen.

At 8 p.m., four teen-age youths were asked to leave the video store on Main Street. One of them smashed the front window upon leaving and then ran.

Monday, Jan. 7

At 1 a.m., officers observed an automobile travel through the intersection of Monument Avenue and Warren Street. When the officers tried to alert the driver to stop, he continued, struck an automobile parked at Monument Square and fled on foot. With a description, other officers apprehended the suspect, a 20-year-old resident. The vehicle had been reported stolen.

These incidents are under investigation by detectives of Area A.

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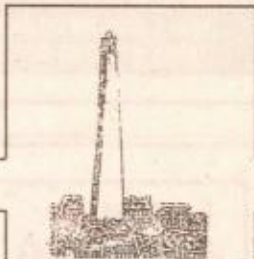
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of the Mass. Dept. of Mental Retardation; Rep. Thomas P. Kennedy; Rep. James T. Brett; Voke; Millerick; Rep. William G. Reinstein; Rep. Byron Rushing; Rep. Vincent Ciampa; and Rep. Albert Herren. Those who left prior to the picture taking were: Rep. Anthony P. Giglio, Rep. Mark Roosevelt, Rep. Alvin Thompson and Warren McManus, deputy commissioner of the Mass. Rehabilitation Commission. (photo by Mark E. Kasianowski)

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